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President's Message

Well, this will be my farewell article as AARA Club President, at our last meeting in February, elections were held and our new club president will be Archie Hill W5AG. He will be installed at the March meeting (see meeting information below). I think Archie will be a great Prez and will keep club active and will be always open for any ideas or suggestions, please give him your support.

I want to thank everyone for their support during the last two years and it has been a pleasure as being your president, I was taken into consideration to run again but I feel it is time for someone new to step in, take the ball and run with it and I am sure the club membership feels like Archie is the man that can do the job. I will still remain as the club newsletter editor and Public Information Officer for the next year.

I really want to thank Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP for accepting the job as Hamfest Chairperson for 2012 and 2013, he has really put in a lot of time, traveling to other hamfests getting ideas, making contacts with other dealers and promoting our hamfest. Also thanks to Rick & Joy N5RLM & N5YCS for all the bookkeeping, and Nick K5QXJ for his work with the forums. There are a lot of others involved but I don't have enough room to list all and go into details. We really also want to say **"THANKS"** to the Texas Ham Playboys Band that have entertained us with their Cajun music and making Friday nights a big draw along with the Crawfish Boil. This year we are having a Jack McIntyre a well-known Chef catering our Friday & Saturday refreshments and the ladies of the AARA will serve sweets (see page 2 of our hamfest flyer for details).

REMEMBER: If you have not paid your 2013-2014 AARA Membership Dues, **now is the time to do it.** Go to our club website:

[http:// www.w5ddl.org/](http://www.w5ddl.org/)

Click on "Membership Application", fill out form and mail it in. Beginning in April, I will be re-doing my e-mail reflector, if you have not paid your dues, you will be moved from the "Members" list to the "Non-member" list.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Herman Campbell KN5GRK
Outgoing President AARA

Don't forget to set your clocks
up 1 hour this Sunday morning
March 10, 2013.

March General Meeting: Our March General Meeting will not be on the first Thursday March 7th, **but will be on Saturday March 16th at 6:00 PM**, at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, Louisiana on the weekend after the AARA Hamfest. It will be our "Hamfest Banquet", members are asked to bring a covered dish of some kind, the club will furnish the main entrée. It will be a short business meeting, with a hamfest report and induction of our NEW club officers along with a drawing for the annual handi-talki giveaway for members attending the meeting over the last year. **NO VE TESTING AT THIS MEETING** - Testing took place at the hamfest.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE AND JOIN THE FUN!

Cornell Bodensteiner WD5GJB - Silent Key

Cornell a.k.a. "Bodie" Bodensteiner of Lafayette became a SK after a long medical history on February 14, 2013.



He was well known for his "gruff" voice, serious look, and logic views on politics which would sometimes get him stirred up.

Bodie was a Navy Vet, and his specialty in the military was in communications and as an instructor. He also did some civilian communication work for one of the local communication companies in the Lafayette area. He will be missed.

Jackie Price, KA5LMZ, of Morgan City, LA had this to say about Bodie:

"He was quite a person, used to come through Morgan City in my early days of being a ham and would always come by the shop to visit. Bodie had been a communication man for a living, and he would go to McDermott to work on radios when a rig was in the yard. In later years, when he "retired" he repaired radios at his home. After his wife died, he quit for a while, then got into it again, told me he was retiring and took all his equipment over to Keith's shop in Broussard, then started doing repairs over at Keith's.

One more of the old timers gone. 73 Old Friend!"

Jackie Price KA5LMZ

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, March 16th @ 6:00 PM
Hamfest Banquet Meeting
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

AARA Hamfest - March 8th & 9th
Rayne, Louisiana

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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FEBRUARY 2013 AARA MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2013

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President Herman KN5GRK called the meeting to order.
- Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 23 members in attendance and 7 visitors. Tom Dischler KF5OHJ passed his General exam. Visiting were Jon Dischler, Jacob Meche, Katia, Joey Richard KE5AOF, Samuel Richard KF5ACP and Shonda Richard.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during the month of January.

Minutes: The January minutes were not read as they were posted in the February LARC – accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Joy Breaux gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Danny Daigle KD5JSM, seconded by Jess Gillion KF5LUL, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

New Business:**Club Elections:**

Nominations Committee: Chairman, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, members Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Archie Hill W5AG, and Galen Wilson KF5BET.

The following members will serve as the 2013 - 2014 Officers for the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association:

President – Archie Hill W5AG; **Vice-President** – Jess Gillion KF5LUL; **Secretary** – Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF; **Treasurer** – Joy Breaux N5YCS.

The following will serve on the Board of Directors: Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Nick Romero KE5MWX, and Abbigail Wilson KF5BEW. The new officers will be installed at the March 16th meeting after the Hamfest.

2013 AARA Hamfest: The 2013 Hamfest will be held at the Rayne Convention Center on March 8th & 9th, 2013. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Chairman.

Glen reported that Elecraft® users will bring their radios to demonstrate.

Paula Romero KF5CNS will run the SWEET SHOP with Jackie Wallace KF5PCH assisting.

Glen asked for a photographer to take some good pictures of the hamfest. The pictures will be used for promotion of the next HAMFEST.

Jackie Wallace KF5PCH brought Bingo prizes.

Joy Breaux K5YCS spoke about the refreshment list. Drinks will be available by vending machines at the Red Cross. We need people to sign up for the monthly meeting refreshment list.

At the close of the meeting, we had Door Prizes and everyone enjoyed refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary 2013

FEBRUARY 7, 2013 VE TEST SESSION RESULTS

Thomas Dischler of Eunice, LA upgraded from Technician to General Class license.

VE's were Greg Dolan II (K5LFT), Ric Wallace (KF5KEL), Mark Saltzman (W5GTI), Archie Hill (W5AG) and Rick Breaux (N5RLM).

Ham Radio On The Move!

Ham radio is here to stay. It's on the move going in many directions. Just like our club has changed over the years so has ham radio. With the advent of computers in our daily lives, digital communications have begun to appear more and more in our hobby.

The days of having to buy a bulky tube radio are almost extinct. With the advent of Software Define Radios, nodes, IRLP computers and the Internet one can work the world without expensive radio rigs.

The SDR by FLEX is tied to your PC and allows unprecedented control over your broadcast. You can set band limits, precise audio controls and signal widths never before possible.

If HF isn't your thing or you don't have your General or higher license then you may find joy using some software by EchoLink or Allstarlink.org. You can use EchoLink software to connect your PC, iPhone or Android to any EchoLink repeater, or individual users around the world (there are thousands). The W5DDL repeater has EchoLink (node 370324). You may have heard folks using that feature. You can even text other EchoLink users while they are logged into the repeater. It's an often overlooked feature. So now if you have a smart phone and no radio and you need to check into the Monday Net, it's not a problem. And the best part is that Mark "The GTI Man" will pause for latency!

Allstar is kinda the new kid on the block but it is worth looking into. You can go to their website and get signed up. Allstar, like EchoLink, requires you to have a minimum license of Technician Class amateur radio operator. The audio quality of Allstar is unsurpassed! However there are fewer repeaters set up for it. One good one is KL7M's Alaska Reflector. They have a daily morning net there that begins at 9 am Alaska time. They get check-ins from all over the world. New check-ins are always welcome. All you need is a PC, speakers and a mic and your'e up and running. Unlike EchoLink that requires port forwarding to work properly, Allstar is a web based application and you can use any PC with internet access. I use a cheap \$15 headset/mic combo from Wal-Mart. It works well for the money.

When explaining these for the first time to new and old hams, I have heard that they don't want to try these digital formats because they aren't "real" ham radio. Well if you think or feel that way you couldn't be further from the truth. Both of these key a local repeater and in some cases 100's of repeaters and work in a similar manner to your beloved HT.

If you have not lived here your whole life, it's possible that your home town repeater has EchoLink. How nice would it be for you to be able to check in with some old friends or nets? Never know until you get set up.

Now just imagine how nice it is to be able to work the world with crystal clear audio, no expensive rigs, antennas, towers, or tuners! Just use the iPhone or PC you probably already own or want to own. And learn a little as you go!

So maybe the "nay" sayers are sorta right, it's not a "real" expensive ham radio experience. But it is most certainly part of ham radio and it's likely here to stay for a while. Besides, most hams I know are quit frugal and this may be one of the easiest and cheapest ways of getting on the air and hamming it up!

Keep in mind that ham radio has ALWAYS been about innovation and perseverance. After all, the hobby is often credited for being the precursor to cellular phones, and the first Social Media. So take that Facebook.

There are several other digital technologies coming on the horizon. One that is getting local use and attention is FLDIGI. I will be preparing a article on that in the future.

Hope you enjoyed a brief glimpse into some of the newer digital tech and modes that are out there. The idea of this article is to get you thinking. Be creative with ham radio. The possibilities are endless. Be open to new ideas and don't pass judgment on them until you have tried them out! I hope to catch you digitally on a repeater or computer somewhere around the world!

I would be happy to help anyone get set up with these technologies. So time to embrace the emergence of new tech into our timeless hobby.

Also off topic a little, but Google: ***Kraft Velveeta Shells & Cheese*** to see the new commercial they have called "That Guy" It is a commercial feature ham radio! Ham Radio is here to stay!

73,
Jess Gillion
Vice President Elect
AARA Lafayette, La
KF5LUL@aol.com

Joseph "Joe" Coleman KA5RML - Silent Key



Joe Coleman - KA5RML of Lafayette, LA became a SK on Monday, February 18, 2013 at age 82.

Joe had been inactive for a number of years but was a Net Control Operator on our AARA Monday Night Net for several years. He was a very devout Catholic and always gave a prayer before calling his nets.

He was a very soft spoken person and always had something of interest to say.

GO-KIT DAY - Part 3

November 17, 2012

On November 17th, members of the *Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.* met on the farm of member Ed Roy WA5TNK around 0900 to do a testing of their emergency radio communications Go-Kits. Ed's farm is located between Grand Coteau and Arnaudville on Hwy. 93. The weather was just perfect, not a cloud in the sky, a light jacket needed in the early part of the day but shirt sleeve weather around noon in this wide open space. Three separate Go-Kit stations showed up for this event and details of each will be included in the next issues of the LARC.

Purpose:

To gain experience setting up and operating your personal GO-KIT with "hands-on" experience. To check out different antenna configurations and power settings using emergency power

Objective:

To get an idea of what you will need to operate and sustain yourself in the field at times of a real emergency and too have fun with fellow hams, local & nationwide at this time.

This month we feature the third and final episode of our "Go-Kit Day" with Dave Redfearn N4ELM. Dave's portable setup consisted of a Elecraft® KX3 160-6 meter 10 watt QRP SSB, CW, Data, AM, FM rig weighing only 1.5 pounds.



Elecraft KX3 QRP Rig

Power for this rig was supplied by a 12 volt, 5 amp charged by a small solar panel. The antenna was a crossed 80/40 inverted "V" dipole with the center up about 20 feet using the camo mast-ing hitch mount on the back of the SUV. Later in the morning, I switched to a 20 meter vertical held up by a 33 foot "jackpole" on the hitch mount.



Dave and unidentified friend operating CW on KX3

There is talk about having another "Go-Kit Day" sometimes later in the year. Everyone enjoyed participating in this event and looking forward to a repeat. This is sort of a mini-field day that we can schedule at our convenience. Seems like the ARRL Field Day takes place in the hot, humid June weather that seems to part of the Louisiana climate. It would be nice to have two ARRL Field Days, one in the northern states in the summer and one in the southern states in the winter. What do you think?

73,
Dave Redfearn
ARS N4ELM Lafayette, LA
QRL? de N4ELM/qrp

Some of the Elecraft® users in the area have reserved a table at our 2013 Rayne Hamfest and will be operating on a outside antenna to demonstrate this little QRP rig to the public and answer any questions you may have about these transceivers. Drop by and visit.

FEBRUARY 2013 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	40	Ø	76	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	63	Ø	130	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	38	2	84	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	3	35	1	63	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	8M / 5G	Ø	10	KE5KJD Larry

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.

---- Unknown

Acadiana Simplex Net

On March 25th, the AARA Monday Night Net will not be held on the 146.820 repeater at 7:00 PM. Instead, there will be a SIMPLEX Net held at that time. The SIMPLEX Net will be held at 7:00 PM on 147.420, in an effort to prep for Emergency Communications. All check-ins are welcome. Each check-in should state location, power level, antenna type and antenna height. I, W5GTI will be net control, and will give a signal report, with the emphasis on using the minimum amount of power.

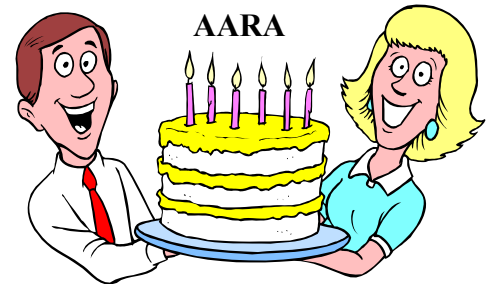
I plan to call the net from the EOC at the KA5EOC station in Lafayette. First round of the net will be taking check-ins, as I hear them or through relays and we can have several rounds thereafter for check-ins and re-checks with power adjustments.

If you were able to check in to the last Simplex Net, make those improvements you planned so you can try it out, and if you missed the last Simplex Net, gear your gear ready and join us.

TAKE INVENTORY AND MAKE A LIST OF THE ITEMS YOU MAY NEED FOR SIMPLEX / EMCOMM OPERATION AND PICK THEM UP AT THE AARA HAMFEST.

The AARA Monday Night Net, on the 146.820 repeater, will resume the following week on April 1, 2013

Thanks,
Mark
W5GTI

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

3/09	WN5V	DAVE
3/13	NØJA	JOHN
3/13	KF5LUL	JESS
3/15	KR5R	LOUIS
3/27	KB5SMX	MAUREENA
4/01	W5GTI	MARK
4/06	KE5JXC	ARNOLD

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

March 2013 Special Events

March 8-10	WWRC - National American Red Cross Month Special Event
March 15-17	KC5ZJY - Louisiana Nursery Festival Special Event Pineville, LA Sponsored by the Amateur Radio Club of Central Louisiana.
March 9	NI6IW - Navy Seabees Birthday, Girl Scouts of America Founded 1912 - USS Midway (CV-41) Museum.
March 10	W8BAP - Lost Hour Special Event Station - 000Z-0500Z Celebrating Daylight Savings Time

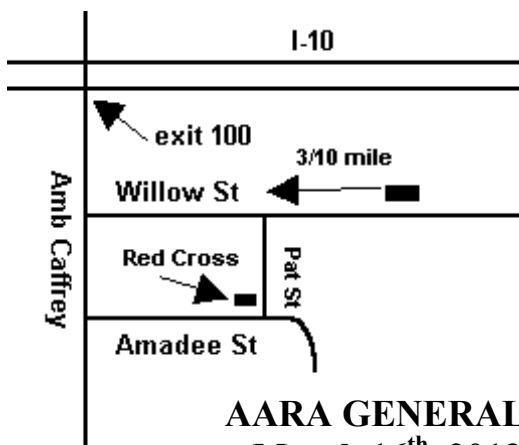
Check the ARRL website for more info and details.



March 17, 2013

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

March 16th, 2013 - 6:00 PM

Hamfest Banquet Night - Bring Covered Dish

NO VE TESTING TONIGHT

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

COMPLIMENTARY
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Crispy Fish Sandwich with Pineapple Slaw

from: Eatwell.com

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| 2 tbs. low-fat mayonnaise | 1/4 cup cornmeal |
| 2 tbs. non-fat plain yogurt | 1 1/4 pounds haddock or cod (see |
| 2 tsp. rice vinegar | Tip), skinned and cut into 4 |
| 1/8-1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper | portions |
| 1 8 oz. can pineapple chunks or | 1/2 tsp. Cajun seasoning |
| rings, drained and coarsely | 1/4 tsp. Salt |
| chopped | 4 tsp. canola oil, divided |
| 2 cups coleslaw mix | 8 slices whole-wheat country |
| | bread, toasted |

Preparation:

Whisk mayonnaise, yogurt, vinegar and crushed red pepper to taste in a medium bowl. Add pineapple and coleslaw mix and stir to combine.

Place cornmeal in a shallow dish. Sprinkle both sides of fish with Cajun seasoning and salt. Dredge the fish in the cornmeal.

Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add half the fish and cook until golden, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate and repeat with the remaining 2 teaspoons oil and fish, adjusting heat as needed to prevent burning.

Top toasted bread with the fish and pineapple slaw to make sandwiches. Serve immediately.

Tip: For sustainable haddock, ask for U.S. Atlantic "hook-and-line-caught." For cod, look for wild-caught U.S. Pacific cod or Atlantic cod from Iceland or the east Arctic. For more good choices visit seafoodwatch.org.

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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